By the Quene.

WHeras thinfection of the plague and pestilence doth at this present remayne and continue within the Cities of London and Westminster, to the greate griefe of the Quenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, & peryl of many of her good Subiectes of the same (the which almightie God for his mercy stay) & that by accesse of her people thyther about theyr lawfull & necessary suites and affayres in this next Terme of Saint Michael (the plague then enduring) might be rather occasion to increase the same, then diminiche it, whiche should be great sorow to her hyghnesse, and daunger to her whole Realme. Wyndyng therefore the preseruation of her louyng Subiectes, from the peryll and daunger of the sayde infection, hath thought it expedient by the aduise of her counsell, for sundrye good considerations, to adiourne the whole Terme of Saint Michaell next commyng, from and in the fyrst day therof, vnto the fyrst day of Hyllarye Terme then next ensuyng. And therfore her Maiestie doth signifie vnto all and singuler her louyng Subiectes, that they and euery of them whiche hath cause or commaundement to appeare in any of her hyghnesse Courtes at Westminster, in or at any day or tyme in the sayde Terme of Saint Michaell, maye tarry at theyr dwellynges, or where theyr busynes otherwyse shall lye, without resortyng to any of the sayde Courtes for that cause, before *Octauis sancti Hillarii*, next commyng, and that without daunger of forfaiture, penaltie, or contempt to incurre towardes her hyghnes in that behalfe. And neuertheless her Maiesties pleasure is, that two of her Justices, that is to say of eyther Benche one, shall the fyrste daye of this Michaelmas Terme called *Octauis Michaelis*, accordyng to the auncient order of her lawes, kepe the essoynes of the sayde *Octauis Michaelis*, at which *vtas* of Saint Michaell, writtes of adiournement shalbe directed to the sayde Justices, geuyng them authoritie to adiourne the sayde whole Terme of Saint Michaell, and the same adiournement shalbe made in the fyrst day of the sayde *vtas*, commonly called the day of the essoynes. And her Maiesties further pleasure is, that all matters, causes, and suites dependyng in any of her other Courtes betwene partie aud partie, as in her hyghnes Courtes of Chauncery, Starre Chamber, and Exchequer, Courtes of Wardes and Liueries, and Duchie of Lancaster, shall haue continuaunce, and the parties shall haue day from the date of these presentes, vnto the sayde fyrst day of Hyllarye Terme next commyng.

Prouided alwayes, and her Maiesties pleasure & commaundement is, that all Collectours, Receiuours, Sheryffes, and other accomptauntes, and all other persons that ought or should accompt or paye any summe or summes of money in any of her Maiesties Courte of Exchequer, Courtes of Wardes and Liueries, or of her Duchie of Lancaster, or in any of them, or to enter into any accompt in any of the same Courtes: shall repaye vnto her Maiesties house of Sion in the Countie of Middelsex, where her hyghnes hath appoynted such officers and ministers, as for that purpose her Maiestie hath thought expedient, and there to paye and do in euery behalfe, as though no such Proclamation of adiournement had ben had or made: Any thing mentioned in this present Proclamation, or in any writ of adiournement to the contrary, notwithstandyng. Willyng and commaundyng euery of her sayde Subiectes, to whom it doth apperteigne, to obserue and kepe theyr assemblyes and apparaunces in her hyghnes sayd Courtes at Westminster in *Octauis sancti Hillarii* next commyng, then and there to be holden and kept, there to do theyr offices and dueties in euery behalfe, as they will aunswere for the contrary, at theyr perylles.

Yeuen at her hyghnes Castle of Wyndsor the .xxi. of September, the fyfth yere of her Maiesties reigne.

God saue the Quene.

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